



SIERRA VISTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION JOINT BOARD/TAC WORK SESSION MEETING SUMMARY: JUNE 10, 2020



MEETING LOCATION:

Windermere Hotel and Conference Center
2047 South Highway 92
Ocotillo Ballroom

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MEETING DATE AND TIME:

June 10, 2021

2:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

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BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair	Rachel Gray, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Sierra Vista
Vice-Chair	Johann Wallace, Mayor, Huachuca City County Supervisor
Member	Peggy Judd, Supervisor, Cochise County (<i>virtual</i>)
Member	Carolyn Umphrey, Councilmember, City of Sierra Vista
Member	Gregory Johnson, Councilmember, City of Sierra Vista
Alt. Member	Cynthia Butterworth, Councilmember, alternative member for Town of Huachuca City, (<i>virtual</i>)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Member	Richard Searle, STB District 3
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TAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Vice-Chair	Brad Simmons, Cochise County
Member	Jackie Watkins, Cochise County
Member	Matt McLachlan, City of Sierra Vista
Member	Sharon Flissar, City of Sierra Vista
Member	Mark Hoffman, ADOT (<i>virtual</i>)
Alt. Member	Doc. Jim Johnson, alternate for Jim Halterman, Huachuca City
Alt. Member	Valerie Fuller, alternate for Jackie Watkins, Cochise County

BPAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Member	Kathleen Buonocore
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Member Steve Scheumann
Member Donna Lewendoski, ADOT Bike/Ped Coordinator
Member Byron Baker (*virtual*)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Johannes, Kimley-Horn, LRTP Consultant Team
Taylor Dunkle, Kimley-Horn, LRTP Consultant Team
Ed Stilling, Federal Highway Administration (*virtual*)
Jeremy Moore, Arizona Department of Transportation (*virtual*)
Brent Crowther, Kimley-Horn, LRTP Project Lead/Consultant Team (*virtual*)
Dale Miller, Rick Engineering, Huachuca City Roadway Study Consultant Team (*virtual*)
Brian Snider, SRTP Consultant Team (*virtual*)

STAFF:

Karen L. Lamberton, AICP, SVMPO Administrator
Dennis Donovan, P.E., SVMPO Civil Engineer

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Lamberton, the SVMPO Administrator, welcomed attendees and introduced each of the SVMPO Board members to the group. She identified the presence of many of the SVMPO TAC members, several of the SVMPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Subcommittee members, as well as acknowledged the participation of our funding partners from FHWA and ADOT. She stated that this Work Session is to bring the group up to date as we developed this Long-Range Transportation Plan but the focus of this session is to gather in your input about your perspective about the project development and the priorities that lead us to the top ranked projects.

Kimley-Horn consultant staff, Chris Johannes, then set up attendees into the Mentimeter interactive tool on a Smart Phone/Tablet. The test question (There are 25 hours in a day! How do you spend your extra hour?) Most responses: Sleep/Naps! But we also had a good number that were interested in some fun activities: walking or playing with their dog, cooking and baking, hanging out with kids, exercise, watching sports, reading and one wanted to spend some time cleaning.

2. FEDERAL, STATE AND REGIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Ed Stilling, the FHWA liaison for the SVMPO, also welcomed attendees and thanked them for participating in this regional effort to identify the highest transportation priorities for this area. He focused in on the long-range plans and federal regulations. MPO's provide an overall consensus building role with developing projects. MPO's serve as a policy board and serve specific federal regulatory roles that include the coordination with their member jurisdiction to develop short-term and long-term plans, as well as develop performance measures and targets. Involving the public is also a key element. Federal regulations mandate a Long-Range Transportation Plan that must have a minimum of a 20 year horizon, and update every five years (four years in non-attainment area). There are 13 planning factors that must be considered: these include things like safety, economic vitality, protect the transportation system and preserve the existing system as well as enhance travel and tourism. The Federal government works with the State and the MPO to develop these plans and from there develop the short-range Transportation Improvement Program.

Mark Hoffman, the ADOT liaison for the SVMPO, described the partnership between the federal, state and regional MPO's to provide information, resources and funding to our three member jurisdictions. He highlighted the cooperative process to foster proactive partnership and participation with all users of the system. The MPO's provide assistance with providing data monitoring, estimating impacts both for needs and financial plans. There are core functions of the MPO that were covered by Mr. Stilling and Mr. Hoffman re-emphasized those urbanizing areas that are over 50,000 in population must have these MPO's for area jurisdictions to receive federal and state funding. Regionalism is an important part of coordinating with the State, the State must approve these plans (both the LRTP and the TIP) and State facilities are very often within MPO regions, and those State needs are then prioritized within the State five-year plans.

It was asked if other funds come through the State and it was noted that the STBG funds and the Work Program funds, but other funds included transit funds as well as competitive grants like off-system bridge and safety funds. Some of these funds are set by statute but others are discretionary.

This portion of the presentation included:

- Federal Partnership
- AZ State Dept. of Transportation Partnership
- Regional Collaboration and Coordination

3. LRTP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Kimley-Horn consultant team staff provided a brief re-cap of the process of developing the 2050 LRTP in recognition of new SVMPO Board and TAC members and to ensure that the Work Session attendees received an overview of the work completed to date and set the stage for the interactive discussion for the Work Session. A map and description of the current SVMPO boundaries was shown and noted that there are three member jurisdictions within the current MPO. The mandated LRTP items were set out which includes that there must be a regional perspective with a multimodal element, compliance with the Title VI requirements and fiscally constrained.

4. PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND WEIGHTING

The SVMPO Administrator provided a short briefing on how the initial section of regional priorities came about after an October Work Session with the SVMPO Board and then adoption of a set of seven equally weighted priorities. With that background, the Kimley-Horn consultant team staff provided a set of two interactive questions on Metrometer to assess how closely the attendees' feelings about the level of importance of each priority was and how fiscal constraints might impact which priority might take precedent between two equally desired projects. It was noted that the SVMPO Board, who sets the policies and priorities for the SVMPO had formally adopted a set of regional priorities, but that they could concur with that previous decision to equally weight these priorities, or they could make adjustments at their next regional Board meeting set for June 24th.

This portion of the Work Session presentation included:

- Review of Regional Priorities
- Interactive Weighting Exercise

5. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRELIMINARY PROJECT LIST

Kimley-Horn consultant team staff described the development of the regional Long-Range Transportation Plan. They were assisted by the consultant team, Michael-Baker in describing the short-range transit plan, which provides near-term projects, funding estimates and transit strategies for the long-range transportation plan. Consultant Team, Rick Engineering briefed the attendees on the concurrent Town of Huachuca City Roadway Inventory that filled data gaps for the regional Travel Demand Model, additional traffic counts and identified three potential transportation projects for consideration in the LRTP project lists.

Attendees broke out into groups (the virtual attendees formed one interactive on-line group) to respond to projects of importance to them within each mode of travel and the three phases: near-term, mid-range and long-range timeframes. These responses were then interactively entered using the virtual Metrometer tool for the consultant team to compile as one input into the prioritization and project selection effort that will be occurring within the next two months.

This portion of the Work Session presentation included these elements:

- Project Development Process
- Short-Range Transit Plan: Near-Term Transit Strategies
- Huachuca City Roadway Inventory Project
- Public Input Results
- Review Lists of Preliminary Projects by Mode (Roadway, Preservation, Bike, Ped)
- Interactive Breakout Groups: Ranking Potential Projects

6. DEMONSTRATION OF FISCAL CONSTRAINT EXERCISE

Kimley-Horn consultant team staff demonstrated the interactive spreadsheet that quantifies each priority factor and showed the group how changes in priority rankings might re-distribute top ranked priorities. Mr. Johannes emphasized that this ranking tool is only one of the factors that the Board might consider when they make final decisions about which projects to include within the fiscally constrained project selection. Three phases will be identified, and the results then used to identify projects for the regional Transportation Improvement Program (five-year funded plan); for potential grants and by member jurisdictions when making local agency decisions about projects to bring forward, as funds become available. Future action steps by the consultant team will be to rank and sort projects by priority, the projected available funding and phased timeframes.

7. CLOSING – SVMPO CHAIR GRAY

Chair Rachel Gray thanked attendees for their participation in the Work Session and felt this really did help the new Board members understand what we do and to provide input into the priorities will be very helpful to the Board. Chair Gray asked each Board member if they had any questions or any other input. Hearing none she then again thanked all the attendees as well as the consultant teams for their work effort to prepare for this event in the Windermere venue.

- The results of this Work Session discussion will be presented to the SVMPO Board at their next scheduled **June 24, 2021, Board of Directors meeting.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gray adjourned the Work Session at 4:30 p.m.

SVMPO Work Sessions are informal meetings where Board members may prepare for upcoming regular Board meetings, have staff and/or agency briefings on issues, and provide an opportunity for detailed discussions on topics of regional concern among themselves. These meetings are open to the public, but time is not reserved for public comment. Members of the public may attend in person, or by phone, and may share written comments through the SVMPO website.

No formal action was taken by the SVMPO Board at this scheduled Work Session.